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Dear Prof. Lederberg,

Thank you very much for the clippings from the Washington Post which I read with very great interest. You certainly make a very important contribution to science policy development in this way.

With regard to the question of disarmament in the biological warfare area this has, as you know, a high priority in the studies of the Pugwash Organization and the report on the experimental inspections, which I was asked to co-ordinate, was in fact presented at the recent "Early Warning" meeting in Stockholm, where, in the last minute, you unfortunately found it impossible to participate. I enclose a copy for your information.

Your articles showed me that you have an unusual capacity to write about science for lay-men. However I must say that I don't think that you exercised it very much when writing the article on "Genetics and Microbiology" for UNESCO's IMPACT. I suppose the reason is that you were more or less tied to the terminology used in the earlier article which was aimed at microbiologists. Personally I found your approach most interesting, but I fear that the technique of cutting up the text on two alternating timelevels will make the reading tiring for the non-microbiologists among IMPACT's readers. This is unfortunate, because a large fraction of them will certainly be attracted by a survey by such a well-known person as you are. As it is, I am not sure that they will be as successful in skimming the social impact angles out of the text as the biologists will be. I think that the paper would be fine for "Bioscience", for instance, but I feel that it would need a very thorough overhaul to suit Impact. It would of course be perfect if you could find the time to do this, perhaps after testing the text on some non-biologist among your scientist friends. If this would be impossible, I

feel that UNESCO should however compensate you for the effort you have made so far. My hope is of course that you will revise the text because I think that it contains a very important core of information about microbial genetics, which nobody could present with more authority than you.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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cc. Dr. A. Pérez-Vitoria,
Editor of Impact.

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